

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

[0040] In one embodiment, at least some of the requests are fulfilled on a fee basis, which may be calculated by the manager 108. The fee charged may be dependant on the various criteria (referred to here as fee criteria), such as the machine specific criteria, the time to process a request and/or return a response and other request criteria defined above. In one embodiment, the manager 108 implements tiered response time pricing as described in ~~United States Application Serial Number~~

~~(Atty. Docket No. ROC920030207) filed on _____, entitled “Power on Demand Tiered Response Time Pricing” and herein incorporated by reference in its entirety. United States Application Serial Number 10/659,976 (Atty. Docket No. ROC920030207) filed on September 12, 2003, published on March 17, 2003 as PG-PUB US20050060163, entitled “Power on Demand Tiered Response Time Pricing” and herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.~~ Accordingly, the manager 108 may also monitor progress of the requests by keeping track of time spent on a particular request.